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# OAPIA Newsletter

## Mayor's Annual API Heritage Month Celebration

In celebration of this year's Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month, 18 embassies and organizations participated in a cultural exhibition sponsored by the **Mayor's Office of Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs (OAPIA)** for the public to enjoy. The event continued with an awards ceremony recognize community members who volunteer in the D.C. area and a reception with various ethnic dishes to the public. The evening program also consisted of cultural dance and music performances, and an appearance from Mayor Anthony Williams. The event

was held on May 28 at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Library from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. More than 300 guests attended this year's festivities.



Visitors had fun taking participating in activities at the cultural fair



Korean Traditional Musicians perform during the celebration.

Pictures from the API Heritage Month Celebration



## Asian Map Drawing Activity

On May 20, 2004 at Chinatown Service Center, the **Mayor's Office of Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs** sponsored an **Asian Map Drawing Activity** as part of this year's Asian & Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration. Youth groups and mentors from Asian American

LEAD, Chinatown Service Center and Boat People SOS gathered together for the first time to participate in this activity. Participants had the opportunity to work and learn more about Asia together, as well as use their creativity. The youths are all part of the Asian American Pacific Is-

lander (AAPI) Youth Grant that is funded by Department of Health, Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (DOH-APRA). The event was also attended by **Ms. Emilie Dearing**, AAP Youth grant consultant and **Ms. Lynne Saffell**, High Risk Youth Program Coordinator of APRA.

*Right: Youth groups and mentors from various organizations collaborate to make a map of Asia for Asian American Heritage Month.*

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# "wAsian-tonians" makes debut on TV

Community members came to take part of the studio audience for the taping of "wAsian-tonians: Celebration of Asian and Pacific American Heritage," a television program produced by OAPIA.

The show was designed to showcase the innovative ways that the District government has responded to the needs of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) for improved access to government services, and to highlight the contributions of APAs who live and work in the District. The one-hour show consisted of two discussion panels, two cultural performances and candid interviews with "citizens on the street."

City Administrator Robert Bobb and Dr. Natwar Gandhi, Chief Fi-



nancial Officer of the District of

Columbia, were among the first panel focusing on District agencies, while the other panel included APA community contributors, including John Tinpe, chair of the D.C. Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, and Hien Vu, director of the Vietnamese American Community Service Center.

The studio audience had a chance to comment, share their own experiences and ask questions to the panelists.

The show will be aired on Channel 16 throughout the month of June.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) will launch the second National Young Community Leaders Recognition to individuals from ages of 18 to 35. NAVASA aims to nationally recognize young Vietnamese Americans who have been taking part in empowering and developing their community in many different ways. Recipient(s) will have travel and accommoda-

tion expenses paid by NAVASA to attend the 2004 National Recognition Ceremony from September 29 to October 2, 2004, in Houston, Texas. Recognition will take place at the National Conference Reception on October 2. This includes free leadership training workshops and opportunities to meet and network with distinguished leaders from across the country. Complete applications must be received by

NAVASA office by **Friday June 25, 2004**. E-mail [thanh.tran@navasa.org](mailto:thanh.tran@navasa.org) only if there are questions prior to submitting the application. Send applications to:

NAVASA

Nat'l Recognition Review Committee  
1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 310  
Silver Spring, MD. 20910

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI).** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* announces that applications are now available for the 2004-2005 SPI Class. SPI is a training opportunity for emerging nonprofit and faith-based organizations. The one-year program is designed to help nonprofit professionals move their organizations to the next level of operations and service-delivery. Executive Directors

(or equivalent positions) from organizations located and providing direct services in DC may apply if the following conditions are met: incorporated in DC; 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; annual budget under \$500,000; desires professional and organizational growth; and has strong commitment to complete the 12 month program and adhere to attendance requirements. The deadline for applications is July 2, 2004, at 5:00pm. Applica-

tions may be e-mailed, faxed, or picked-up from OPGD, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20001. For additional information or to obtain the application, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900. For further information, contact Geneva Ware-Rice at (202) 205-8913 or [gwarerice@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:gwarerice@acf.hhs.gov); or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-11645.txt>

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

**Field Initiated Service Demonstration Projects in the Adoption Field.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)* announces funds to support continuous innovation and improvement in the quality of adoption services on topics identified by the field as cutting edge or to test new solutions to continuing problems. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, private institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations, and state and local government entities. The deadline for applications is July 13, 2004. The grant amount will not exceed \$400,000 in the first budget period. Contact Geneva Ware-Rice at (202) 205-8354 or [gware-rice@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:gware-rice@acf.hhs.gov).

**Initiatives To Educate State Legislatures About Priority Public Health Issues.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* announces funds to identify and implement national educational initiatives that address the need for accurate, timely, and comprehensive public health information for state legislatures through informational forums and other communication channels related to current and emerging public health concerns including barriers to effective public health. Eligible applicants include national, nonprofit, non-partisan or bi-partisan organizations that consist of requisite memberships representing legislatures from all 50 states. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is June 17, 2004. The deadline for applications is July 12, 2004. Contact Jennifer Tucker at (770) 488-6454 or [jrt5@cdc.gov](mailto:jrt5@cdc.gov).

**Pension Counseling and Information Program.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration on Aging (AoA)* announces funds to assist individuals in understanding and enforcing their pension rights. Eligible applicants include public and/or nonprofit organizations, and community- and faith-based organizations. The deadline for applications is July 12, 2004. Up to 3 projects will be funded, ranging from \$150,000-\$450,000. Contact DHHS at (202) 357-3440.

## Job Opportunities

- ♦ **Cantonese or Mandarin (Chinese) Speaker:** Total Marketing Solutions is looking for individuals with a strong sense to win and make more money. Someone who is aggressive and a team player. Pay is \$8/hour with a minimum of \$4 commission. Work hours would be from 2-9:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday with two mandatory Saturdays per month. Contact Robert Chaudron at (301) 916-2224 or e-mail [robert.chaudron@us.randstad.com](mailto:robert.chaudron@us.randstad.com).
- ♦ **Weed and Seed Site Coordinator for Marshall Heights:** This is a full-time position responsible for coordinating the activities of organizations and agencies that have committed services, volunteers and contributions to the operation of the Weed and Seed program. The coordinator will primarily report to the Weed and Seed Advisory Board with direct supervision provided by the Chair of the

Citizens Advisory Board. A minimum of an associate's degree required. Candidates must complete satisfactorily a background check, including criminal records check. Mail, fax or email cover letter and resume by June 16 to:

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**Assistant Director for Services:** This person will serve as a principal advisor to the Deputy Associate Director, Center for Federal Investigative Services (CFIS) for all matters related to customer service and the general administration of the background investigations program. Some duties include: serving as a principal advisor to the Deputy Associate Director, Center for

Federal Investigative Services (CFIS) for all matters related to customer service and the general administration of the background investigations program; working with customers to identify investigative needs; communicating policy and providing oversight of agencies' use of OPM's investigative products; and improving financial performance while providing high quality, timely, and cost effective investigative services to Federal agencies. Interested applicants must apply by June 17, 2004. The salary range for this position is \$104,927 to \$145,600. This job is located at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management Division for Human Resources Products and Services. Contact Phaedria Charles (202) 606-1542 or visit [jobs4u@opm.gov](mailto:jobs4u@opm.gov) for more information.